

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

Security Committee

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, DCI Security Committee

FROM:

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Executive Secretary

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SUBJECT: Proposed Community Response to HPSCI Report

1. I propose that you discuss with SECOM members at the 28 November 1979 meeting the idea of preparing a Community position paper to the DCI on the HPSCI Report "Security Clearance Procedures in the Intelligence Agencies."

2. Background: Aware of the interest that HPSCI hearings on clearance procedures generated in CIA, DIA, FBI and NSA, and of the contents of the HPSCI report, the Staff tasked the Investigative Standards Working Group to expedite completion of its study on investigative sources and to compile basic data on specific issues raised in the HPSCI report.

3. Staff Position: The HPSCI report is essentially a compendium of information from Community agencies with observations and recommendations by the HPSCI on Community procedures. If any response is called for it should reflect a uniform and agreed to Community position. This concides with views of departmental representatives on the Working Group. They would like to endorse for SECOM consideration a position which:

a. Recognizes that the Community's investigative procedures are undesirably diverse and supports development of common standards;

b. Agrees with the HPSCI observation that the short form investigative report used by DIS is inadequate and should be expanded.

c. Supports making TS and SCI investigations more similar (i.e., upping TS investigations as much as can be supported by the McCabe Study holding firmly to current DCID 1/14 standards).

d. Recognizes the need for common standards and better quality control for SCI investigations. They do not all agree on the idea of a new central investigative agency or service (although some departmental representatives speak of the benefits to be gained by having the DCI do all SCI investigations). They are united on considering a DCI sponsored training program for all investigators and adjudicators.

e. Suggests expansion of polygraph usage to all intelligence collecting agencies for SCI access. They look favorably on a minimum standard limiting the polygraph to CI coverage. They recognize that some agencies have broader uses which might need to be continued.

f. Agrees that something has got to be worked out so investigators can access information now being denied them, and so that the FBI could collect and provide information in cases of the type mentioned in the HPSCI report.

Working group members are drafting position statements and collecting data on dollar and manpower resource ramifications bearing on these issues. I do not expect the Working Group product to be anywhere near finished or to include all desirable details. I do think it will represent a good first step and provide opportunity for SECOM members to appreciate the significance and scope of the matter.

From a personal viewpoint, I believe that the HPSCI report offers a first rate opportunity for the SECOM to move toward an informed, conceptual (through perhaps not yet practical) resolution of long standing problems. It gives us opportunity again to focus management attention in connection with APEX on concerns about providing large volumes of formerly compartmented material to people "cleared" at the SECRET level.

especially
CIA

Note:

The working group
has not discussed
this point

EO 10450 info
on "violate over-throw
of Govt" & ver.

An agreed SECOM paper along these lines would certainly foster the position of the DCI in connection with his Community role of providing uniform security procedures. It would enhance the SECOM role as the DCI's focal point for Community security affairs.

I rate this as one of the most significant Community security concerns that has arisen in all the years of the Security Committee.

4. Recommendation: That you inform the SECOM at its 28 November meeting that you:

a. Endorse Investigative Standards Working Group action in collecting relevant information on issues in the HPSCI report.

b. Solicit the support of SECOM Principals for such efforts.

c. Encourage members to participate on an open basis, surfacing problems or internal concerns for membership information and discussion, and not to develop rigid in-house positions tending to close out further deliberations.

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The SECOM's Investigative Standards Working Group has divided the task of collecting data bearing on the HPSCI report as follows:

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Action Element</u>	STATINTL
1. Polygraph	CIA [] and NSA []	STATINTL
2. Investigations - Standards and Single Agency concept	CIA ([]) State (McCabe) FBI (Doran) AF (O'Neil) Justice (Trombetta)	STATINTL
3. SCI and TS	Army DIA	
4. DIS's lack of positive Reporting	^{Adams} Navy (Mary Evans) State (McCabe)	
5. Lack of Access to Police Records	State (McCabe)	
6. Inconsistencies between FBI Guides, E.O. 10450 and Privacy Act	CSG [] State (McCabe)	STATINTL